every year. There are already several trained men in the department. It is hoped that, within a few years, the department would have a thoroughly trained and capable staff of officers and subordinates.

Public Works.

34. Agencies expending.—The outlay on Public Works was, as usual, incurred partly through the agency of the Chief Engineer and partly through the agency of the Maramath department, the latter being under the control of the Peishkars. The expenditure incurred by the Chief Engineer during the year was Rs. 17,24,988 and that incurred through the Peishkars was Rs. 2,91,653. The latter amount includes a sum of Rs. 40,447, being the expenditure on the establishments maintained at the Palaces and other Sirkar buildings in the charge of the Peishkars. This expenditure used in previous years to be debited to the head of "Science, Art and other Minor departments". From the year 1083, however, it has been resolved to show this expenditure against the Maramath department. Excluding this sum of Rs. 40,447, the actual Maramath expenditure of the year, *i. e.*, the expenditure on Maramath works, was Rs. 2,51,206, as against Rs. 2,49,145 in the previous year.

35. The Kodayar Project.—Out of the outlay incurred through the Chief Engineer during the year, a sum of Rs. 4,35,929 was the capital expenditure on the Kodayar project works. The aggregate capital outlay on these works rose from Rs. 44,78,250 on the last day of 1082 to Rs. 49,14,179 on the last day of 1083. I quote below from the Chief Engineer's report on the Kodayar:—"The principal work in progress was the Thovala channel. The first section from the 1st to the 9th mile is well advanced, earthwork being finished and most of the masonry and rockcutting. The headworks are well advanced and good progress has been made on the syphon main at Tadaviar. Towards the end of the year, the second section was begun, and though the progress made is not up to the sanguine expectations formed when the contract was let, it is, nevertheless, considering the circumstances, good. For one reason or another, the department was not able to concentrate a sufficient staff on this section at the commencement, and later on, an out-break of cholera dispersed the labour. These difficulties were overcome, and towards the end of the year the output of work was exceptionally good.

"On the Thiruvidancode and Eraniel branch channels, brick-lining was finished and water was let down in June. There were some small slips and breaches, but these were repaired without difficulty and did not affect the supply. This was a year of drought and the crop on all lands commanded by these channels was undoubtedly saved.

"On the Anandanar extension, the main channel and the two branches were completed and the improvements to the Ananthenkulamkal were fully carried out.

"The investigation of new land under the first few miles of the Left Bank Channel was completed and estimates for distribution channels were submitted and sanctioned. The Engineers are now waiting for land acquisition.

"Of minor schemes under the Kodayar, the Alampara has been completed and the land has already been put under paddy. Six other minor schemes at the lower end of the N. P. Channel have also been investigated and estimated for.

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